



Japanese Speech Contest



The Japanese Speech Contest is a platform for foreigners living in Kitakyushu City and the surrounding areas to share their thoughts and opinions in Japanese.

We are eagerly awaiting applicants that would like to showcase their Japanese abilities.

● **Application Requirements** *Each applicant may only compete in one category.

Category 1 (Speech Contest for Exchange Students):

Applicants for Category 1 have to meet the following 3 requirements.

- ① Non-Japanese National, whose mother tongue is not Japanese
- ② Resident of Kitakyushu City / Student of an Educational Institute (University, Junior College, Technical College etc.) / Student of a Japanese Language School located in Kitakyushu City.
- ③ Person that has not received any awards from any of the past “Speech Contest for Exchange Students” conducted by the Kitakyushu International Association.

Category 2 (Oshaberi Speech Contest):

Foreigners living in Kitakyushu City or the surrounding municipalities

● Date & Location

Date: 9th of January 2023 (public holiday)

Category 1 Contest (Speech Contest for Exchange Students)

10:30am - 1:00pm

Category 2 (Oshaberi Speech Contest)

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Kitakyushu Performing Arts Center (Theatre)

RIVERWALK Kitakyushu 6F

Muromachi 1 Chome 1-1-11, Kokurakita-ku, Kitakyushu City

●Application Period

10th of November 2022 (Thursday) - 15th of December 2022 (Thursday)

●Applicant Capacity

Category 1: Approximately 10 contestants

*Approximately 10 contestants will be selected from the entire list of Category 1 applicants, after the preliminary screening, which will be based on the respective scripts that have been submitted by each applicant.

Category 2: Approximately 20 contestants

●Details and Contents of Speech

Duration: 3 minutes

Theme: Free topic (Any topic of choice)

Speech script: Please adhere to rules ① - ④ listed below

- ① 1 script per applicant
- ② No submission of script that was used in other speech contest(s)
- ③ Speech must be prepared so as to end within 3 minutes, in the 1000 character range (Those unable to write in any Japanese characters, may use *Romaji* in the 300-400 word range)
- ④ Title must be written on the script

●Awards and Recognition

Category 1 (Speech Contest for Exchange Students)

Award Title	Recipient	Prize
Grand Prize	1	¥50,000 + Plaque
Lions Club Award	1	¥40,000
Yahata Hojinkai Award	1	¥30,000
YUAI Special Award	1	¥10,000 + Plaque
Judges' Special Award	1	¥10,000
Certificate of Participation	All	¥2000 QUO Card

Category 2 (Oshaberi Speech Contest)

Award Title	Recipient	Prize
Grand Prize	1	¥10,000 QUO Card + mini prize
Exemplary Achievement Award	3	¥5000 QUO Card + mini prize
Certificate of Participation	All	¥500 QUO Card + Multifunction Pen

●Application Details

Submit the ①Japanese Speech Contest Application Form, along with the ②Speech Script via email, or over the counter to the Kitakyushu International Association.

Email Address: nihongokyouiku@kitaq-koryu.jp

Location of the Kitakyushu International Association:

3-15-3, Kurosaki, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu City (Com City 3F)

★Roughly 2 minute walk from JR Kurosaki Station

●Judging Criteria

Category 1 (Speech Contest for Exchange Students)

(1) Contents

- ① Are the contents and flow of the speech made in an easy to understand manner?
- ② Does the speech clearly represent the thoughts of the contestant to listeners?

(2) Expression

- ① Voice and gesture, facial expression and other means used to convey thoughts.
- ② Pronunciation, accent, grammar.

(3) Q&A session: Is the contestant able to answer questions from the judges?

(4) Time limit: Points will be deducted if the speech over exceeds or is significantly shorter than the 3 minute time limit.

Category 2 (Oshaberi Speech Contest)

(1) Contents

- ① Does the speech clearly represent the thoughts of the contestant to listeners?
 - ② Are the contents and flow of the speech made in an easy to understand manner?
- (2) Pronunciation, accent: Is the speech easy to understand based on the contestant's pronunciation and accent?
- (3) Expression: Voice and gesture, facial expression and other means used to convey thoughts.
- (4) Time limit: Points will be deducted if the speech over exceeds or is significantly shorter than the 3 minute time limit.

●Enquiries

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